

REMARKS

Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended the independent claims to incorporate the subject matter of originally filed claims 6, 20 and 33, and to more particularly claim what Applicant regards as the invention. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments because the segment information is described, *intra alia*, in paragraphs 21-26 of the originally filed specification.

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, 4-16, 18-29 and 31-38

Claims 1-2, 4-16, 18-29 and 31-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sitnik, U.S. Patent 6,160,570 (previously cited), in view of Lawler, U.S. Patent 5,758,259. Claims 6, 20 and 33 have been cancelled.

Sitnik discloses creating a play sequence using video segments selected according to a user profile.

Lawler discloses an interactive television system that automatically selects programs to display based on a user profile.

Because neither Sitnik nor Lawler teaches or suggests a play sequence that comprises content segments linked together though segment information as claimed in independent claims 1, 12, 28, the combination cannot be properly interpreted as disclosing the claimed element.

Therefore, the combination cannot render obvious Applicant's invention as claimed in claims 1-2, 4, 5, 7-16, 18, 19, 21-29, 31, 32 and 34-38, and Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combination.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-2, 4, 5, 7-16, 18, 19, 21-29, 31, 32 and 34-38 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-8300 x3476.

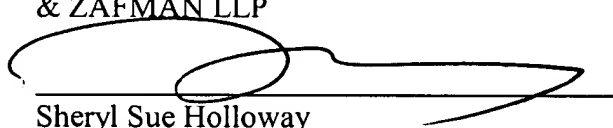
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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